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STATE SUPERINTENDENT DOLORES COLBURG extends thanks to school administrators and county superintendents who helped make the recent Helena conferences a success.

MONTANA SPECIAL OLYMPICS, scheduled for May 15 and 16 in Billings, will allow the state's special education students to compete in track, field and swimming events. The ten top winners in Billings will represent Montana in the International Special Olympics in Chicago this August. Preliminary testing in the events is mandatory before a child can compete in the state meet. For further information, contact Robert Williamson, Director, Montana Special Olympics, 101 Tenth Street West, Billings 59102. Your special education supervisor or local chapter of the Jaycees can help arrange a local meet.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FUNDS are available under the Vocational Education Amendments of 1968 for exemplary programs and special programs in the areas of cooperative education, handicapped and disadvantaged education and work study. Programs may still be planned by local districts to be fiscally encumbered by June 30 and conducted through August 31, 1970. Interested districts should contact William A. Ball, Director, Development of Vocational and Occupational Skills, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SPECIAL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM for children sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture includes summer programs. Approved programs may receive cash reimbursement for food purchased up to 15¢ for each breakfast, 30¢ for each lunch or supper and 10¢ for snacks served between meals. Further information and application forms may be obtained from Food and Nutrition Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California 94111.

SURPLUS PROPERTY WAREHOUSE will be closed for inventory from June 15 through June 26, 1970. No property will be issued during this period.

VO-ED REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS for FY '70 programs conducted under the Vocational Education Amendments of 1968 are due in the State Superintendent's office May 15.

PUTTING RESEARCH INTO EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE (PREP) has published two new reports, Series 11, "Research on Elementary Mathematics" and Series 12, "Paraprofessional Aides in Education." Copies are available from Research, Planning, Development and Evaluation, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

THREE GERMAN STUDENTS will spend ten weeks this summer on grain farms in the Hobson area under the Work Experience Abroad program of the Future Farmers of America. As part of their experience, the students will meet with Future Farmers and Young Farmers in the area.

DR. ROBERT L. HAMMOND, currently Associate Professor at the College of Education, Ohio State University, will join the State Superintendent's staff July 1 as Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Hammond will be responsible for the Development of Academic and Professional Skills and for Research, Planning, Development and Evaluation program functions of the office.

21ST ANNUAL MONTANA VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE will be held June 8 and 9 at the Missoula Technical Center, Missoula.

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TRAFFIC EDUCATION APPLICATION DEADLINE for summer programs is May 15. Forms are available from Jerry Toner, Traffic and Safety Education Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Reimbursements to schools conducting state-approved programs between July 1, 1969 and June 30, 1970 will be made during July. Information and forms will be sent to administrators in June.

CHANGES IN AEROSPACE EDUCATION SUMMER COURSES: The Level I Aerospace Course planned for Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell has been cancelled. The course to be offered at Western Montana College, Dillon, June 15-July 3 is the third quarter in the sequence and is a Level III course.

"THE RESPONSIVE LIBRARY IN TODAY'S COMMUNITY" is the theme chosen for this year's annual conference of the Montana Library Association scheduled for May 8 and 9 in Great Falls. Participants are urged to attend both the Friday and Saturday sessions. Further information is available from Mrs. Letitia Johnson, librarian at Missoula's Sentinel High School and President of the MLA.

LIBRARY SCIENCE WORKSHOP funded by Title I of the Higher Education Act will be held August 17-21 at Eastern Montana College, Billings. Contact Harold Davidson, Assistant Professor of Library Science at the College for details.

MONTANA AND WYOMING STATE OFFICERS of the Future Farmers of America will meet at Eastern Montana College, Billings, June 24-26 for an officers' leadership training session conducted by David Deitz of Camby, Oregon, National FFA Vice-President for the Pacific Region.

ELECTIVE-COURSE ENGLISH CURRICULUM WORKSHOP, sponsored by the Montana Association of Teachers of English, is scheduled for May 9 at Dawson County High School, Glendive. Secondary English teachers and administrators from schools within driving distance are welcome to attend. Details are available from William Ferguson, English Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE sponsored by the Montana Association of School Administrators and the Schools of Education at the University of Montana and Montana State University is slated for June 25-26 on the MSU campus, Bozeman.

MIGRANT CHILDREN EDUCATION PROGRAMS will be conducted again this summer by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at 10 sites in the Yellowstone Valley area. Approximately 1200 children are expected to participate in the programs, which employ over 150 professional and non-professional personnel.

TRAFFIC EDUCATION SUMMER WORKSHOPS will be conducted at the University of Montana, Missoula; Montana State University, Bozeman; Northern Montana College, Havre and Western Montana College, Dillon. Each workshop carries three credits. Schedules may be obtained from Jerry Toner, Traffic and Safety Education Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction or from the above schools.

LEARNING DISABILITIES WORKSHOP, conducted by Helena School District No. 1 under ESEA Title VI-A, is scheduled for Helena, August 3-14. Four graduate or undergraduate extension credits may be earned from Eastern Montana College. Contact Ellen Peterson, Acting ESEA Title VI-A Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for more details.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES WORKSHOPS are planned for June 8-9 in Helena and June 11-12 in Billings. Two separate programs, one for administrators and clerical personnel and one for food preparation personnel, will be offered at each workshop.

"PROMISING PRACTICES IN SMALL HIGH SCHOOLS," a report compiled by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, includes descriptions of exemplary programs at Victor High School, Victor and Noxon High School, Noxon. Copies of the report are available from Phillip Ward, Jr., Director, Research, Planning, Development and Evaluation, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.